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Dear Mr. Opsasnick:

Responding to your request I fax you the clean copy of claim 3, as we discussed earlier over the phone.

Sincerely,

  
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